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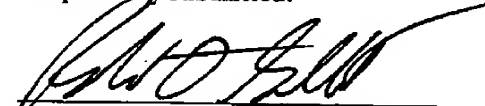
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RE: Serial No. 09/754,235; Applicant: Hsiao et al.; Filed: January 3, 2001;
Entitled: Chemical-Mechanical Polishing Thickness Control in Magnetic
Head Fabrication
Our Ref.: SJO990204US1

COMMENTS: Attached for filing in the above referenced application are the following:

1. Transmittal;
2. Amendment Following Final Office Action;

Respectfully submitted:


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hsiao et al.

Docket No: SJO990204US1

Serial No: 09/754,235

Group Art Unit: 1765

Filing Date: January 3, 2001

Examiner: Ahmed, Shamim

For: **CHEMICAL MECHANICAL POLISHING THICKNESS CONTROL IN MAGNETIC HEAD FABRICATION**MS Non Fee Amendment
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

- ☒ Transmitted herewith is an Amendment Following Final Office Action for this application.

STATUS

- ☒ Applicant is
- ☐ a small entity -- verified statement:
 - ☐ attached.
 - ☐ already filed.
 - ☒ other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TIME

- ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for the total number of months checked below:

	Extension (months)	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>	Fee for <u>small entity</u>
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Fee \$ _____

- ☐ If an additional extension of time is required please consider this a petition therefor.
- ☐ An extension for _____ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

- ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is hereby made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

- ☐ The fee for claims (37 CFR 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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- ☒ No additional fee for claims required.
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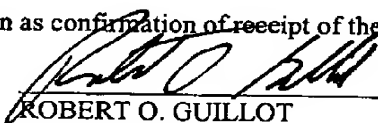
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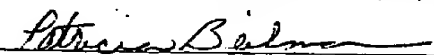
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**AMENDMENT FOLLOWING FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 18, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows: